

# MNMM Fatal 2005-19

- Powered Haulage
- July 30, 2005 (Nevada)
- Gold Operation
- Equipment Operator
- 23 years old
- 2 years mining experience

# Overview

- The victim was operating a water truck that left a haul road and drove onto the berm. The truck climbed the berm, causing it to overturn and land back on the haul road. The victim, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the cab of the truck.



# Causal Factors

- The driver failed to maintain control of the water truck while it was in motion. Although the levels of the methamphetamine could not be established as impairing the victim, it is a medical fact that fatigue occurs as the user withdraws from the substance.
- The driver of the water truck failed to fasten his seat belt while operating his truck.

# Best Practices

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating a truck or moving machine.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify any defects that may affect the safe operation of equipment before it is placed into service.
- Management should continue to focus attention toward substance abuse and educate miners regarding the symptoms and behavior exhibited by persons who may be abusing controlled substances.